



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.3209-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Hirofumi MURATANI ) Group Art Unit: 2624  
Application No.: 10/743,533 ) Examiner: Mackowey, A.  
Filed: December 23, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 7671  
For: DIGITAL WATERMARK EMBEDDING )  
APPARATUS, METHOD AND PROGRAM, )  
AND DIGITAL WATERMARK DETECTION )  
APPARATUS, METHOD AND PROGRAM )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2007, the period for reply to which has been extended through July 22, 2007 by a Petition for Extension of Time of one month, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper beginning on page 2

**Amendments to the Claims** follow the Amendments to the Specification section of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the Amendments to the Claims section of this paper.